CLAIMS

1. A pouch comprising:

a compartment;

a multi-layer panel having an interior surface coextensive with the compartment and an external surface; and

a frangible piercing area disposed on the external surface, wherein the frangible piercing area is defined by a continuous arcuate channel created through at least one layer of the multi-layer panel.

2. The pouch of claim 1 wherein the channel defines the perimeter of a geometric shape.

3. The pouch of claim 2 wherein the shape is a circle.

4. The pouch of claim 2 wherein the shape is a teardrop.

5. The pouch of claim 2 wherein the shape is a U shape.

6. The pouch of claim 2 wherein the channel further comprises a hinge.

7. The pouch of claim 2 further comprising a first adhesive layer between the exterior plastic layer and the interior metal foil layer.

8. The pouch of claim 2 further comprising a second continuous arcuate channel defined through at least one layer of the multi-layer panel.

9. A pouch, comprising:

a compartment formed by an at least one multi-layer laminate panel that include an exterior layer, wherein the laminate of the panel includes a frangible piercing point adapted to receive a straw, the frangible piercing point defined by a line of weakness that includes a hinge portion whereby when the frangible piercing point is pierced, the frangible piercing point remains coupled to the laminate material.

10. A container for juice, the container comprising:

a compartment formed by operably sealing a first panel, a second panel, and a third panel, the first, second, and third panel formed from a multi-layer metal foil laminate that includes an exterior layer, the compartment containing the juice; and

a frangible piercing point adapted to receive a straw, the frangible piercing point defined by a line of weakness including a hinge portion, whereby when the frangible piercing point is pierced, the line of weakness formed from a delaminated strip of the exterior portion of the multi-layer laminate material of the first panel.

11. A method of forming a pouch, the method comprising:

supplying a flexible multi-layer sealable laminate material having an exterior layer;

applying laser energy to the exterior plastic layer in a strip to form a desired shape, the shape including one section that is not delaminated and wherein the shape defines a frangible piercing point;

cutting the flexible multi-layer laminate material into panels; and

forming the panels into a pouch, wherein the frangible piercing point is situated on an exterior portion of the pouch in a desired position.

12. The pouch of claim 11 wherein the strip defines the perimeter of a geometric shape.

13. The pouch of claim 12 wherein the shape is a circle.

14. The pouch of claim 12 wherein the shape is a teardrop.

15. The pouch of claim 12 wherein the shape is a U shape.

16. The pouch of claim 12 wherein the strip further comprises a hinge.

17. The pouch of claim 12 further comprising a forming second continuous strip defined through at least one layer of the multi-layer panel.